President's Activity Report May 2011

Meeting with the CORO Foundation to discuss Logic study in Lennox scheduled for September 2011. St. Margaret's Director, New Visions program coordinator and the Assistant Superintendent of the Lennox School District attended a lunch meeting with the CORO staff. We will be meeting again at the end of June.

Outreach meetings and calls for the American Diabetes Association Expo on May 21 and the Train the Trainer workshop on June 4th.

Planning meeting with the Lennox Cultural Master Plan Task Force leadership to develop a next steps plan and identify funding for the Lennox Cultural Committee.

Meeting with the Consumer Affairs Director, Office of Women's Health Medical Director, and a Third district representative to continue developing a consumer education outreach tool on Women's Health.

Identify and contact a speaker on caregivers for the June ACCW meeting.

Finalize letter to the Board of Supervisors requesting support for the 2011 Scholarship program.

Work with staff on the LACCW's 2010/2011 fiscal year Activity report.

Planning and Outreach for the LACCW and the School of Nursing & Allied Health Nursing Students Breakfast on June 18th.

Follow-up calls with several of the LACCW's Health Education Community partners.

Announcements:

-At our May LACCW meeting Liz Herrera, Executive Director of El Nido informed us about the state budget cuts to the Cal-Works funding to the Cal-Learn Program for high risk pregnant and parenting teens of Los Angeles County. These funding cuts would have a devastating effect on the program. Case management services would be eliminated. Many of our scholarship recipients have been recommended to us from this program. I just spoke to one of our scholarship recipients at UC Riverside who is studying to be a RN. She continues to receive support from her case manager at El Nido.

I have good news to report on a motion by Supervisors Molina and Antonovich the board sent a formal request on May 17 to the First Five Los Angeles Commission to consider bridge funding of \$2.9 million to partially address the suspension of state Cal-Learn funding and allow the high-risk teens most in need of these services to continue receiving help through a transfer of First 5 funding to DPSS.

This funding will allow Cal-Learn contractors to continue serving approximately 40% of the highest risk teens and their babies in the program. On June 9 the First Five Los Angeles Commission approved the funding.

Ms. Herrera and Lisa Bernstein asked me to relay the good news and to thank the LACCW for its support. I will be following up with Ms Bernstein to inquire about the criteria for the highest risk teens as well as the 60% that will not be served by the program.

-The Executive Committee will be meeting this month to develop an agenda for our annual July retreat. You are all encouraged to submit retreat agenda items to the committee. In order to keep costs down, we will be meeting immediately following our regular commission meeting in the same room. Our retreat will be scheduled from 11 AM to 2 PM. It is important for all commissioners to attend.

Our Breakfast Meeting for Nursing Students in collaboration with the Los Angeles County College of Nursing and Allied Health is on Saturday June 18th at 10:AM

Commissioners were e-mailed an invitation by the Office of Women's Health to attend a community dialogue on Health Aging for Women at St. Anne's, 155 N. Occidental Blvd on June 21st at 7:30 AM.